



General Assembly

## ***Amendment***

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 1051

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### ***"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE STATE'S ELECTIONS."***

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 51-217 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) All jurors shall be electors, or citizens of the United States who  
6 are residents of this state having a permanent place of abode in this  
7 state and appear on the list compiled by the Jury Administrator under  
8 subsection (b) of section 51-222a, who have reached the age of  
9 eighteen. A person shall be disqualified to serve as a juror if such  
10 person: (1) Is found by a judge of the Superior Court to exhibit any  
11 quality which will impair the capacity of such person to serve as a  
12 juror, except that no person shall be disqualified on the basis of  
13 deafness or hearing impairment; (2) has been convicted of a felony

14 within the past seven years or is a defendant in a pending felony case  
15 or is in the custody of the Commissioner of Correction; (3) is not able  
16 to speak and understand the English language; (4) is the Governor,  
17 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or  
18 Attorney General; (5) is a judge of the Probate Court, Superior Court,  
19 Appellate Court or Supreme Court, is a family support magistrate or is  
20 a federal court judge; (6) is a member of the General Assembly,  
21 provided such disqualification shall apply only while the General  
22 Assembly is in session; (7) is a registrar of voters or deputy registrar of  
23 voters of a municipality, provided such disqualification shall apply  
24 only during the period from twenty-one days before the date of a  
25 federal, state or municipal election, primary or referendum to twenty-  
26 one days after the date of such election, primary or referendum,  
27 inclusive; (8) is seventy years of age or older and chooses not to  
28 perform juror service; or [(8)] (9) is incapable, by reason of a physical  
29 or mental disability, of rendering satisfactory juror service. Any person  
30 claiming a disqualification under subdivision [(8)] (9) of this subsection  
31 must submit to the Jury Administrator a letter from a licensed health  
32 care provider stating the health care provider's opinion that such  
33 disability prevents the person from rendering satisfactory juror service.  
34 In reaching such opinion, the health care provider shall apply the  
35 following guideline: A person shall be capable of rendering  
36 satisfactory juror service if such person is able to perform a sedentary  
37 job requiring close attention for six hours per day, with short work  
38 breaks in the morning and afternoon sessions, for at least three  
39 consecutive business days.

40 (b) The Jury Administrator may determine, in such manner and at  
41 such times as the Jury Administrator deems feasible, whether any  
42 person is qualified to serve as juror under this section and whether any  
43 person may be excused for extreme hardship.

44 (c) The Jury Administrator shall have the authority to establish and  
45 maintain a list of persons to be excluded from the summoning process,  
46 which shall consist of (1) persons who are disqualified from serving on

47 jury duty on a permanent basis due to a disability for which a licensed  
48 physician has submitted a letter stating the physician's opinion that  
49 such disability permanently prevents the person from rendering  
50 satisfactory jury service, (2) persons seventy years of age or older who  
51 have requested not to be summoned, (3) elected officials enumerated  
52 in subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of this section and judges  
53 enumerated in subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of this section during  
54 their term of office, and (4) persons excused from jury service pursuant  
55 to section 51-217a who have not requested to be summoned for jury  
56 service pursuant to said section. Persons requesting to be excluded  
57 pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection must provide  
58 the Jury Administrator with their names, addresses, dates of birth and  
59 federal Social Security numbers for use in matching. The request to be  
60 excluded may be rescinded at any time with written notice to the Jury  
61 Administrator."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	51-217
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